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Chapter ___. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-third session at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 8 March 2002. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to _____).

2. The session was opened by the temporary Chairman, Gilberto Moncada (Peru).

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and a non-member State, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is given in annex ___ to the present report.

[To be completed]

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 5 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

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Chairman:
Tamas Mellar (Hungary)

Vice-Chairmen:
Nicholas Karavitis (Greece)
Gilberto Moncada (Peru)
Kenichi Hirayama (Japan)

Rapporteur:
Pali Lehohla (South Africa)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, following a statement by the observer of Australia and the observer of Palestine, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.3/2002/1, as orally amended, as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;
   (b) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation;
   (c) Health statistics;
   (d) Rio Group on Poverty Statistics;
   (e) Siena Group for Social Statistics;
   (f) Washington Group on Disability Measurement.
4. Economic statistics:
   (a) National accounts;
   (b) Round Table on Business Survey Frames;
   (c) Government finance statistics;
   (d) International Comparison Programme;
   (e) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;
   (f) Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics;
   (g) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics;
   (h) Voorburg Group on Service Statistics.
5. Natural resources and environment statistics.
6. Statistical capacity-building.
7. Activities not classified by field:
   (a) International economic and social classifications;

(b) The Special Data Dissemination Standard and the General Data Dissemination System;

(c) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata: the Task Force on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange initiative;

(d) Definition and measurement of e-commerce;

(e) Coordination of development indicators;

(f) Meeting the needs for statistics of human development;

(g) Handbook of Statistical Organization;

(h) Dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division;

(i) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

(j) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

(k) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division);

(l) The situation of statistics in the regional commissions;

(m) Problems in the implementation of the fundamental principles of the official statistics.

8. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission.

9. Report of the Commission on its thirty-third session.

6. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of the Statistics Division, the Commission approved the organization of the work of the session, as orally revised (E/CN.3/2002/L.1).

7. At the same meeting, the Commission agreed to the participation at this session of the following intergovernmental organizations: the Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research Training Centre for Islamic Countries.

E. Documentation

8. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-third session are listed in annex ___ to the present report.

[To be completed]